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U.S. Serial No.: 09/807,945

Title: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MELTING OR REFINING GLASSES OR GLASS CERAMICS

From: Charles N.J. Ruggiero, Esq.

MESSAGE: Amendment After Final Action

We are enclosing herein an Amendment After Final in response to the final Office Action dated October 20, 2003 in the above-identified application.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Schmidbauer et al.
 Serial No.: 09/807,945
 For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MELTING OR REFINING GLASSES
 OR GLASS CERAMICS
 Filed: July 12, 2001
 Examiner: Eric J. Hug
 Art Unit: 1731
 Customer No.: 27623
 Confirmation No.: 9346

Attorney Docket No.: 608.0011USU

MAIL STOP AF
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

We are enclosing an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$_____ to extend the time for filing this response until _____.

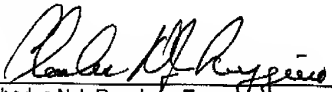
The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	8	Minus	20	0	x \$18.00	\$
Independent Claims	1	Minus	3	0	x \$85.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE					x \$280.00 =	\$
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES						\$0
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY						\$N/A

The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes (\$0), and any extension of time (\$0) is calculated to be \$ 0.00.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

January 20, 2004
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated October 20,
2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.